

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kerry White, on April 13, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Mark Noland (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Ed Lieser, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch  
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 18, 4/8/2015

Executive Action: SB 20; SB 326; SB 387; SB 409; SJ 18

00:00:06 Rep. Jerry Bennett acting Chair for the day

**HEARING ON SJ 18**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:39 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SJ 18, Study light detection and ranging data.

[EXHIBIT\(nah74a01\)](#)

00:02:20 Rep. Staffanson arrived

00:02:28 Rep. Fitzpatrick arrived

00:04:29 Rep. Regier arrived

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:50 Gary Gannon, SciGaia

00:13:33 Lance Craighead, Craighead Institute

[EXHIBIT\(nah74a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah74a03\)](#)

00:15:53 Rep. Zach Brown arrived

00:19:49 Steve Gilbert, self

00:20:40 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:23:08 Evan Hammer, Montana State Library

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:23:38 Rep. Regier

00:24:24 Sen. Phillips

00:24:32 Rep. Regier

00:24:47 Sen. Phillips

00:25:19 Rep. Regier

00:25:29 Sen. Phillips

00:25:50 Lance Craighead, Craighead Institute

00:26:20 Rep. Williams

00:27:36 Sen. Phillips

00:28:37 Rep. Williams

00:29:15 Sen. Phillips

00:30:21 Rep. Lieser arrived

00:31:00 Rep. Williams

00:31:10 Sen. Phillips

00:31:45 Rep. Williams

00:31:59 Sen. Phillips

00:32:11 Rep. Bob Brown

00:32:51 Sen. Phillips

00:33:41 Rep. Flynn  
00:34:26 Gary Gannon, SciGaia  
00:35:19 Rep. Flynn  
00:35:43 Gary Gannon, SciGaia  
00:36:09 Rep. Dunwell  
00:37:10 Gary Gannon, SciGaia  
00:37:56 Rep. Dunwell  
00:38:27 Gary Gannon, SciGaia  
00:39:24 Rep. Dunwell  
00:39:28 Gary Gannon, SciGaia  
00:40:20 Rep. Lieser  
00:40:56 Gary Gannon, SciGaia  
00:42:09 Rep. Lieser  
00:42:28 Gary Gannon, SciGaia  
00:43:37 Rep. Lieser  
00:44:11 Gary Gannon, SciGaia  
00:45:12 Rep. McConnell  
00:46:14 Sen. Phillips  
00:46:53 Rep. McConnell  
00:48:29 Sen. Phillips  
00:49:16 Rep. Flynn  
00:49:57 Gary Gannon, SciGaia  
00:50:38 Rep. Flynn  
00:50:49 Gary Gannon, SciGaia  
00:51:53 Rep. Flynn  
00:52:12 Gary Gannon, SciGaia  
00:53:02 Rep. Olsen  
00:53:39 Sen. Phillips  
00:53:44 Rep. Bob Brown  
00:54:16 Sen. Phillips  
00:55:19 Rep. Bob Brown  
00:55:23 Sen. Phillips

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:55:47 Sen. Phillips

00:57:51 Chairman Jerry Bennett  
00:58:05 Rep. Olsen  
00:58:14 Chairman Jerry Bennett  
00:58:20 Rep. Williams left

00:58:33 Recess  
01:13:41 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 20**

01:13:47 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 20 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:14:33 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:14:55 Rep. Zach Brown

01:15:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. White and Rep. Williams voted by proxy. Rep. Lieser will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 409**

01:15:56 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 409 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:17:08 Joe Kolman, LSD

01:16:35 Rep. Dunwell

**EXHIBIT**(nah74a04)

01:17:18 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 409 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:17:42 Joe Kolman, LSD

01:18:08 Rep. Williams arrived

01:18:22 Rep. White arrived

01:20:07 Rep. Dunwell

01:21:08 Rep. Regier

01:21:36 Rep. Lieser

01:22:08 Rep. Bob Brown

01:22:50 Rep. Shaw

01:23:17 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Zach Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Lieser, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Williams voting aye.

01:24:30 Rep. Olsen

**EXHIBIT**(nah74a05)

01:24:53 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 409 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:25:00 Rep. Olsen

01:26:32 Rep. Noland

01:27:11 Rep. Regier

01:27:26 Rep. Dunwell

01:28:15 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Zach Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Lieser, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Williams voting aye.

01:29:21 Rep. Flynn

01:29:42 Rep. Lieser

01:29:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Jerry Bennett will carry the bill.

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 326**

01:30:28 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 326 BE CONCURRED IN.**

#### **Discussion:**

01:30:37 Joe Kolman, LSD

01:31:21 Rep. Flynn

01:31:37 Rep. Bob Brown

01:32:05 Rep. Court

01:32:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Flynn will carry the bill.

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 387**

01:32:36 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 387 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:33:01 Joe Kolman, LSD

[\*\*EXHIBIT\*\*](#)(nah74a06)

01:33:36 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 387 BE AMENDED.**

#### **Discussion:**

01:33:43 Joe Kolman, LSD

01:33:48 Rep. Lieser

01:34:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:34:15 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 387 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

#### **Discussion:**

01:34:29 Rep. Lieser

01:35:35 Rep. Olsen

01:36:47 Rep. Dunwell

01:37:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Zach Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Lieser, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Williams voting no. Rep. White will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 18**

01:38:53      **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SJ 18 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:39:06      Joe Kolman, LSD

**EXHIBIT**(nah74a07)

01:39:35      **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SJ 18 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:39:56      Rep. Bob Brown

01:40:28      **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:40:59      **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SJ 18 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(nah74a08)

**Discussion:**

01:41:20      Joe Kolman, LSD

01:41:47      Chairman Jerry Bennett

01:41:53      Rep. Flynn

01:42:05      **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:42:13      **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SJ 18 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:42:32      Rep. Flynn

01:42:39      Rep. Court

01:43:29      **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Manzella, Rep. Mortensen and Rep. Staffanson voting no. Rep. Williams will carry the bill.

01:44:36      Rep. Williams

01:44:54      Chairman Jerry Bennett

01:45:07      Rep. White

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:46:59      Adjournment:

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Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([nah74aad.pdf](#))